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1. Two Soviet naval vessels were observed on 6 November 1953 about 35 nautical miles southwest of Liepaja. Both vessels came from the south. [redacted] the vessels disappeared in a northwesterly direction. 25X1
2. The first vessel was about twice the size of the second. The larger vessel was about 10,000 tons, and it had a flush deck and a flared bow. On the foredeck there were two gun turrets; informant believed that there were two guns in each turret. On top of the second turret there was a smaller turret with four barrels pointing outward. The ship had a high bridge construction on top of which there was an egg-shaped object with many projecting "excrescences". There were two practically identical stacks which were cut on a slant. Two lightly-constructed staff masts were located forward of the stacks. On the afterdeck there were two gun turrets with the same appearance as the gun turrets on the foredeck, but without the smaller turret on top of the main turret. Aft of the forward stack there was a large egg-shaped object with "excrescences". 25X1
3. The larger vessel was engaged in firing practice. Several series of shots were fired from the guns located amidships. There was an interval of 10 to 15 seconds between the single shots in a series. In all, about 20 to 25 shots were fired. Informant did not notice any hits. There was no target within informant's vision [redacted] There seemed to be no aircraft towing targets in the area. 25X1
4. The smaller vessel had two stacks and one mast.

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